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SUBJECT: CSCE: PRESIDENT KEKKONEN CALLS FOR FURTHER EFFORTS

BY ALL TO BRING ABOUT SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

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1. ACCORDING TO ADVANCE TEXT THAT EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED (COMPLETE TEXT POUCHED), PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WILL TONIGHT IN HIS SPEECH ON TV TAKE UP SUBJECT OF CSCE. THERE IS NOTHING STARTLING OR REALLY NEW IN THE SPEECH, AND NO NEW PROPOSALS ARE ADVANCED. ACCORDING TO POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, MATTI TUOVINEN, THE SPEECH IS BEING MADE BECAUSE "AS HOST, FINLAND MUST SPEAK OUT." WE STILL FEEL THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING A GENERAL PLEA FOR POSITIVE ACTION BY BOTH EAST AND WEST, THE SPEECH ALSO SERVES TO PREPARE FINNISH PUBLIC FOR POSSIBILITY THAT PHASE III WILL NOT BE HELD IN HELSINKI THIS SUMMER.

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2. KEKKONEN TAKES A LOOK AT WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR IN CSCE, BOTH DURING PHASES I AND II, SAYING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT "THE CONFERENCE SIGNIFIED A NEW ERA IN THE RELATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST." HE ADDS THAT A YEAR AGO THE EUROPEANS WERE "UNRESERVEDLY OPTIMISTIC." IN DISCUSSING THE DIFFICULT NATURE OF PHASE II NEGOTIATIONS, KEKKONEN SAYS THAT "OF SALIENT IMPORTANCE IS THE POINT THAT THE CONFERENCE IS NOW SEEKING TO DEFINE MORE PRECISELY AND BINDINGLY THE PRINCIPLES BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT REGULATE INTER-STATE RELATIONS..." CONCERNING THE MASS MEDIA REPORTS OF A SLOW-DOWN AT PHASE II, KEKKONEN REMARKS THAT, "THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE MAJOR ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE WHICH CONCERN THE DEFINITION OF INTER-STATE RELATIONS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN STATES AND COOPERATION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND ENRICHMENT OF THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL CONTAIN SUCH STANDPOINTS AFFECTING THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL BASES OF THE POLICIES OF EACH COUNTRY THAT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND PROPER ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS." HE THEN GOES ON TO MAKE HIS MAIN AND FINAL POINTS THAT, "HOWEVER, THE POSITIVE SOLUTION OF THE MAIN ISSUES OF THE CONFERENCE IS SO VITAL TO THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE THAT ALL EFFORTS MUST NOW BE CONCENTRATED ON THE SUCCESSFUL FULFILLMENT OF THE HOPES THAT WERE FIXED ON THE CONFERENCE WHEN ITS WORK BEGAN. FINLAND HAS BEEN ELECTED THE HOST COUNTRY OF THE CLOSING PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. IT HOPES THAT IT WILL HAVE A CHANCE OF COMPLETING THIS TASK AS SOON AS THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS PERMITS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE LONG WORK APPROVED IN OUR CAPITAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT THEY WILL BE GREETED AS A SIGNIFICANT PHASE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPEAN STATES. IF THIS DOES HAPPEN, IT WOULD BE RIGHT FOR THE STATESMEN WHO EMPOWERED THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO ARRIVE AT THE RESULTS THROUGH NEGOTIATION TO SIGN

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COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER, KEKKONEN IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT CSCE WILL FALTER COMPLETELY, OR LOSE ITS "DYNAMIC." THIS IS HIS WAY OF ADDRESSING A PLEA TO BOTH EAST AND WEST TO TAKE A LARGER VIEW OF THE MATTER, AND TO PROCEED MORE ACTIVELY TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS PREVENTING

EARLY SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSIONS. HE HAS PROBABLY
RESIGNED HIMSELF TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT JULY IS
LESS AND LESS LIKELY FOR PHASE III, AND IS NOW
ATTEMPTING TO HELP ENSURE THAT IT WILL HAPPEN
SOMETIME AND, HOPEFULLY, ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL.
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